

ER 8-3429

7 June 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: H. R. 10766 (Compensation for Bomb
Damage)

This memorandum is for your information.

1. H. R. 10766, relating to compensation for bomb damage to the Castel Gandolfo, was reported out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee last week, with the authorization cut from \$1,523,810.98 to \$964,199.35. The basis for the cut was the Army estimate, quoted in Assistant Secretary Hill's letter, that the latter figure would be a reasonable assessment of the damage, not taking into account the cultural and artistic value of the damage to the property.

2. The bill came up for Floor action on the 5th of June. Congressmen McCormack and Morano delivered speeches in favor of its passage, indicating that they agreed with the Committee's recommendation to cut the amount authorized. The bill passed the House on that date, and will now be referred to the Senate. No action is possible for an actual appropriation until the authorizing bill has been passed.

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